

(f) "Merit System" shall mean and include Article 64-A of the Code of Public General Laws of Maryland.

(g) "State Employment Commissioner" shall mean the State Employment Commissioner as set forth in the Merit System.

(h) The singular shall include the plural; the masculine shall include the feminine and neuter as requisite.

(i) The word "State" as used in this Article shall mean the entire State of Maryland with the exception of Federal reservation.

(j) For the purpose of promotion, and elevation in rank, before or after enrollment, as set forth in Paragraphs 9 and 11 of this Article, sergeant major, first sergeant, detective sergeants, quartermaster sergeant, sergeant mechanic, and sergeants, shall be of the same rank, and that rank shall be that of sergeant, and all shall be eligible to take the examination for the rank of lieutenant as set forth in paragraph 11 of this Article, and all shall be eligible to be elevated to the rank of Lieutenant as set forth in paragraph 9 of this Article.

1935, ch. 303, sec. 3.

*amended*

3. There is hereby created a Department of Maryland State Police. The head of this Department shall be a Superintendent, with the rank of Major in the Department. He shall be appointed by the Governor with the advice and consent of the Senate. Said Superintendent shall be appointed for a period of four years, and the term of his office shall run for a period of four years from the first day of June following his appointment. Said Superintendent shall be subject to removal by the Governor for official misconduct or incompetency. Said Superintendent shall hold his office until his voluntary resignation or removal by the Governor. In the event the Superintendent is removed or resigns, the Governor shall have power to appoint a Superintendent in his place and stead, who shall hold office for the remainder of the unexpired term of the Superintendent who resigns or shall be removed from office.

1935, ch. 303, sec. 4.

4. The Superintendent shall be a citizen of the United States, and a resident and voter of the State of Maryland. He shall be selected by the Governor, on a basis of training, experience and qualifications for the position.

1935, ch. 303, sec. 5.

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5. The Superintendent may establish and maintain a classification of ranks and grades for the police employees of the Department as follows: There may be (1) Captain; (3) Lieutenants; (1) Sergeant Major; (1) First Sergeant; (6) Detective Sergeants, (1) Quartermaster Sergeant, (1) Sergeant Mechanic, (10) Sergeants, (14) Corporals; (18) Officers First Class and (29) Officers. The Superintendent shall maintain such clerical employees as are now employed in the Motor Cycle Department of the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles, or as may be required to carry on the efficient work of the Department of Maryland State Police.

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The Superintendent shall designate the authority, responsibility and the duties of the various ranks, grades and positions created under this section, within the limits of this Article, and with the approval of the State Employment Commissioner, shall also set standards and qualifications and fix